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## Albany County Public Library Foundation Reaches Goal

Laramie, Wyoming—January 6, 2011— The Albany County Public Library Foundation is again the first county in Wyoming to achieve fund raising goals for the Wyoming Public Libraries Endowment Challenge. The endowment was divided into three phases, and, to date, generous donors have given the library foundation \$175,362 matched 3:1 by the state for a total of \$702,448.

The Wyoming state legislature is considering adding another \$3 million to the Endowment Challenge. This would result in the Albany County Public Library Foundation raising an additional \$43,478 with a state match of \$130,434. If passed, this portion of the endowment challenge would not go into effect until July 1, 2011.

Interest from the ACPLF Endowment will be used to help support with Albany County Public Library. Projects may include: finishing carpeting the library; making up short falls in the Special Purpose Excise Tax; and other major improvements.

The current recession has made supporting the public library even more important. People facing tough economic circumstances use the free services at the library that they formerly paid for at other places, including free computers and internet access, DVD movie collection, children's programming, and books.

For more information on the endowment bill, please contact Paul Heimer, ACPL Foundation Executive Director at 721-2580 ext. 5428 or pheimer@albanycountylibrary.org.

The Albany County Public Library Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that raises money and solicits donations which then go to directly or indirectly to support the Albany County Public Library.

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